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Mr. David R. Ignatius

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Dear Mr. Ignatius:

Thank you for agreeing to address our Advanced Intelligence Seminar. Your session is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 1985, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Your presentation is titled "The Role of the Media in a Democratic Society." Your presentation on the print media will be followed by one dealing with broadcast media. Please plan to speak for 30 to 50 minutes, take a break, and then lead a discussion of the issues with Seminar participants.

Participants in this two and one-half week Advanced Intelligence Seminar consists of 16 - 20 senior intelligence officers selected from each of the major components within the Agency. They represent a broad range of educational backgrounds and professional experience. The Seminar is designed to expose officers to alternative viewpoints and perspectives on intelligence and its role in a democratic society. The following are some of the issues we hope you will address during your presentation:

- a. What is your perception of the existing balance between protecting the Constitutional "freedom of the press" vs. the National Security need to protect methods and sources?
- b. Are there limits which the media imposes upon itself vis-a-vis reporting security sensitive intelligence related news? Who sets these limits, what are the criteria, and who has the final say when and if news is held back? Does the media consider itself legally/morally responsible to protect (i.e., not print) sensitive but newsworthy information?
- c. Should the media industry set up an internal policing mechanism? What form might this take?
- d. What are the standards (moral, legal, etc.) which govern the media.

The Seminar will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Building, 4600 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Enclosed is a map of the area for your reference. Parking spaces 2 and 3 at the rear of the building are reserved for our guest lecturers. The parking spaces can be approached only by turning right from Wilson Boulevard onto Wakefield Street. If you prefer, you can take Metro's orange line to the Ballston station which is four short blocks from our building. On your arrival, go to the second floor reception area and someone from the staff will bring you to the Seminar room.

If you have any questions, please call [redacted] the
Course Director, or [redacted] the training assistant, [redacted]

Sincerely,

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Director
of
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